



FARMERS MARKETS

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Organizing a Farmers Market

Organized Farmers Markets must keep registration records of all individuals and organizations that sell **baked goods** or **preserves** at the market.

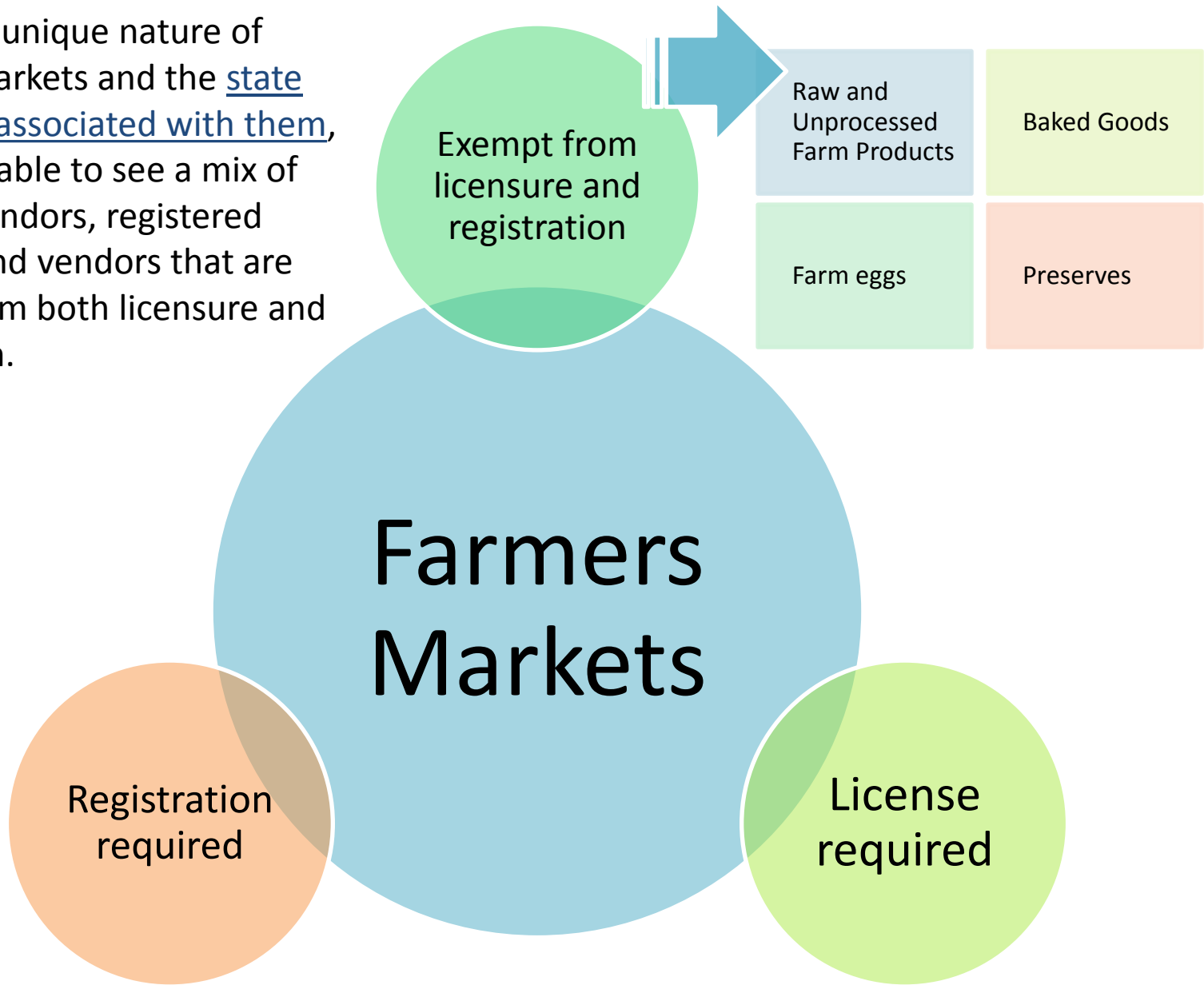
Organized Farmers Markets must be authorized by a municipal or county authority.

Registration records must include, but are not limited to:

- Name of the seller
- Seller's address and telephone number
- Products sold
- Date the products were sold

Records must also be made available to the Environmental Health Department.

Due to the unique nature of Farmers Markets and the [state guidelines associated with them](#), it is reasonable to see a mix of licensed vendors, registered vendors, and vendors that are exempt from both licensure and registration.



Licensing & Registration Requirements at Montana Farmers Markets

- Some vendors may need a state license, such as those who are selling potentially hazardous foods for personal profit. This includes, but is not limited to, the sale of meat products, dairy products, processed foods, or cut produce.
- Some vendors may need to register with the Environmental Health Department, such as non-profit organizations that operate less than 14 days in a calendar year and are selling foods at the farmers market for a charitable purpose.
- And some vendors are exempt from licensure and registration. Items that are exempt from licensure and registration at a farmers market include raw and unprocessed farm products, non-potentially hazardous baked goods, farm eggs, and preserves.
- Vendors that are required to be licensed or registered must apply to the Environmental Health Department at least two weeks prior to operation. Application forms are available through our office or [website](#).

Gardener, farm owner, or farm operator selling:

- Raw and unprocessed farm products
 - i.e. raw, uncut fruits and vegetables
- Whole shell eggs
 - must be clean, free of cracks
 - stored in clean cartons with name & address of farm owner or operator
 - kept at 41°F or less

An individual selling or offering:

- Hot coffee
- Hot Tea

These drinks may not be prepared or served with fresh milk or cream.

**When is registration
or a license not
required at a
Farmers Market?**

An individual selling:

Baked goods

- Breads
- Cakes
- Cookies
- Candy
- Pastries
- Fruit Pies

An individual selling:

Preserves

- Fruit or berry jams
- Jellies
- Compotes
- Fruit butters
- Marmalades
- Fruit syrups
- Fruit aspics
- Chutneys

